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The National Baptist Convention met at 8:30 P. M., 14th inst. Pres. E. C. Morris, presiding. Prayer by Rev. E. Bird of New York city. Scripture reading by Rev. L. M. Cheek. The President introduced Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, D. D., of Washington, D. C., who made the report of the Educational Board—Rev. W. A. Credit, chairman; Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, secretary. During the reading of this report, Governor J. Hoge Tyler entered and was loudly applauded by the audience.

GOV. TYLER SPEAKS.

President Morris said: We are highly favored this afternoon by having present with us Dr. H. O. Mable, of the American Missionary Union. He declined for the present in favor of Gov. J. Hoge Tyler of Virginia, who coming to the front of the rostrum said:

"It was more to attest my presence than what I have to say. I want to first compliment you and congratulate you upon your liberality. It seems that you are the most liberal Baptists I have ever met, for you have gone out of your way to sprinkle a Presbyterian Elder Governor. I do not know what you would do were you to have a sure enough Baptist."

One brother remarked that you are all things to all men.

"Some of the ministers of this city invited me to be present to address you. I accepted, looking forward with pleasure to the opportunity, but other things prevented. I have not been able to make preparation, so I come before you with crude, hasty and immature suggestions."

"I would not exaggerate were I to say that so people could be engaged in a more noble work than that in which you are engaged and with greater promise of reward before you. From your faces I see that you appreciate the work before you."

THE GREAT FORCES.

Educational and moral training has been the great instrumentality which has raised all races to prominence and power. The influence which we have endeavored to extend, commencing at the beginning of the Garden of Eden, has been belting the earth between the 30th and 50th degrees of longitude, giving influence and we find this religion leaping across the Pacific and dashing itself against the shores of heathen lands. Extending from the southern zones to Africa and northward to the arctic regions of Alaska, carrying aloft the banners of Christ and its foes are giving away in every section.

"You have a great work. A greater responsibility rests upon you than upon any other people."

THE FUTURE UNKNOWN.

"We do not know what may be the future. You have been called upon to go through the waters of trial and affliction, but you will be enabled to wear a brighter crown."

"Other races are waiting to welcome every heart and I believe every Christian here wishes you a most hearty success. This thought filled my bosom even before I had arrived at manhood years. After the surrender I went back home. I realized what was the result of the war. God in His wonderful progress—or the result of the war would be to bring freedom to your race. I called my servants who had been faithful to me and have been ever since, thank God, and I tried to picture to them some of the difficulties which lay before them."

DIVIDED WITH THEM.

"I said that they would be free. I did not know it, but from this moment you are as free as I am. Another thing I mentioned. I divided with them every cent of personal property I had. I gave to every family a cow and a team of horses, and told them if they were not satisfied with the houses in which they lived, they could select any other and I would secure it to them and their children."

I shall never forget that scene. They manifested their appreciation of joy. They almost rolled in the grass."

HIS OLD MAMMY.

"My old mammy, who nursed me when my mother died in giving me birth, threw her arms around them and around me, endeavoring to bind us together, declaring that the separation should never be. When she died, I buried her and erected a monument over her grave, and it may be seen from my front door to-day."

"They left and my old mammy was weeping and wailing. But in less than a week they were all back, saying that they had had their freedom long enough and that they wanted to enter into a contract with me. I had three farms and I said to Uncle Abe that I would give him one of them and he said that he thought that he would be satisfied with the Kirk property—that was about a 1600 acres—and a pair mules, yoke of oxen and a cow."

CONTRACT MADE OUT.

Well, I divided up the property and made out the contract. He came back to have a stamp put upon it. The Provost Marshal required it. I had no stamp at that time, so I put an old Confederate revenue stamp upon it, and it answered the purpose."

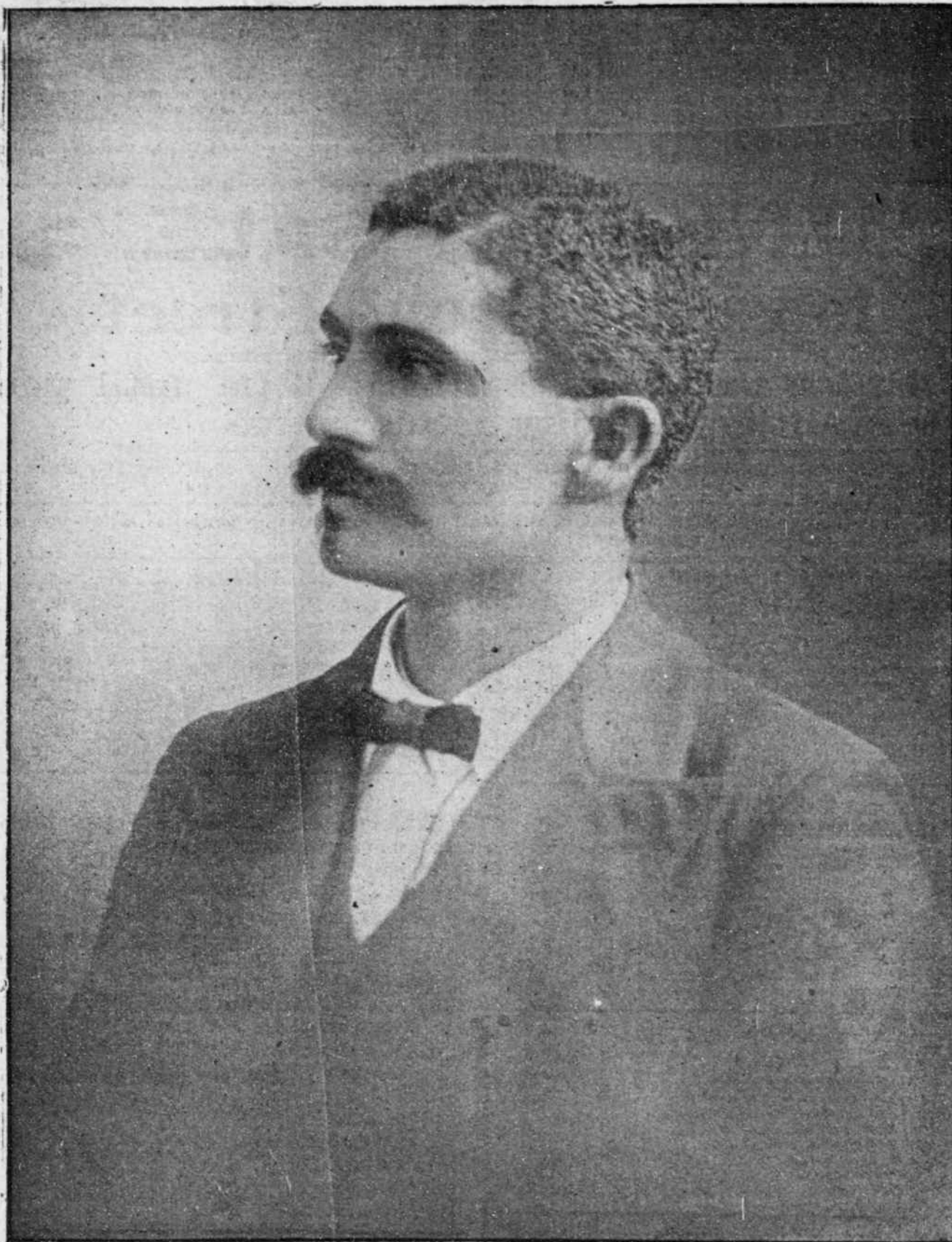
"Now, I said I want you to give the first fruits of your farm to God. I gave them a place for a church and a school-house and a grave-yard. This

THE NATIONAL BAPTISTS HAD A GREAT SESSION.

Governor Tyler Spoke to Them. Eminent Divines.
Learned Discourses.

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Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.

President of the National Baptist Convention (Colored), the Greatest Negro Baptist Organization in the World. The rules were suspended and he was unanimously re-elected.

was the first church erected south of the Mason and Dixon line. A I was going to my farm, I saw some parties digging a grave. I enquired whose it was and they told me Lizzie Ripley died of typhoid fever and she wanted to be buried by the side of her mother and her sister. I felt that I was at the grave of my old family servants, who loved me; yes, who would lay down their lives for me.

WHAT HOPE FOR US?

What hope for you? What for any people if we are cut off from the glories of the gospel of heaven? We have the promise that He will govern and direct and make the rugged way smooth.

Let not a one of you become discouraged. Each one urge some other to become a co-worker in carrying forward the gospel to your people.

I believe that in the hearts of the colored people of the South there is deep appreciation of the efforts which have been made to help you along on educational lines. The South was poor, stripped of everything; yet, I think if all of the amounts given could have been collected together, they would be monuments to our people.

FIGHTING MANFULLY.

"But you are fighting the battle manfully yourselves. Never grow faint hearted, but go forward and trust God and He will help you."

A continued oration followed.

H. O. Mable, D. D., of Massachusetts, secretary of the American Missionary Union, said that it was worth the trip from Boston to come in contact with such a man. "It is good to be here, because there sounds forth strong and true language."

It was at the conclusion of the remarks of the Governor and Dr. Mable that Rev. Dr. Credit made one of the most thrilling and electrifying speeches of the convention. He stated the Negro's case in equity with charming language, magnificent in its conceptions and punctuated with oratory of the highest order.

The applause which greeted him showed that he had made a successful statement of existing conditions even though he had surprised everyone by the boldness of his utterances.

During the day Rev. R. O. Fox of Pittsburg, Pa., presided. Rev. Dr. E. F. Harris made the opening address. Rev. R. Mitchell, D. D., of Frankfort, Ky., ably discussed the "Influence of Literature upon a Nation." He urged the colored people to devote more time to making literature for themselves, educating their boys and girls for that purpose.

Rev. Dr. Harvey Johnson of Baltimore created a sensation by delivering an address which attacked the literature of the white man. He was merciless in his analysis of Homer and his Iliad and Odyssey, expressing a doubt whether such a writer ever lived. He created much amusement and carried his audience with him from the start to the finish. He was outspoken in his advocacy of racial enterprises.

Rev. Dr. S. A. Moseley of Pine Bluff, Ark., president of the Arkansas department of the convention made an address.

"The Gospel in all Lands," was the theme discussed in the morning session of the National Baptist Convention, Thursday, 13th inst. Rev. Dr. J. J. Durham, of Georgia, the vice-President, was in the chair.

The first address was made by Rev. M. J. Maddox, of Savannah, Ga. Rev. Jordan, in a short address, stated that the past year had been a successful one for the cause of missions, and that the colored people had done their duty by giving to send the gospel to Africa.

Rev. Dr. Charles S. Morris had made a trip to Africa, and had been instrumental in many being added to the fold. Other speakers were Rev. Geo. W. Lee, D. D., and Rev. Walter Brooks D. D., both of Washington; Rev. John E. Ford, of Denver, Col., the first Negro to graduate from the University of Chicago; Dr. P. R. Neal, Nannie Burrell of Louisville, the chief clerk of the Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. C. H. Farrish, President of the Exetain Norton University.

VALUABLE INFORMATION.

The address of Rev. Dr. Brooks embraced statistical information and a historical statement of the condition of the colored Baptists in this country. It created a profound sensation and has been the subject of much comment ever since.

Dr. Brooks was offered \$150.00 for his paper, but as he expects to enlarge on the subject, he declined to accept it.

The paper places him in the fore front of the divines who are gathering information concerning this powerful denomination.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Dr. R. J. Willingham, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, was introduced for the purpose of addressing the convention on missions. He delivered an able address giving in detail the work done by his society and showing the colored people their duty in this work.

Rev. Dr. E. M. Brawley, presided during the afternoon session and the time was spent in hearing reports and the like.

DR. BOYD'S CAREER.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, of Nashville, Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing

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